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FOR
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INTRODUCTION

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, better known as WIC, is a nutrition program. The program provides low-income pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to age five, at nutrition risk, with:

1. Selected food to supplement diets lacking in nutrients needed during the critical time of growth and development.
2. Nutrition education and counseling to improve eating behaviors and to promote sound food buying habits.
3. Access to preventive health programs and referral to health providers.

WIC is implemented by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) under Public Law 95-627, Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966. Final regulations were issued January, 2002.

Funds for food and administrative costs are transferred from USDA, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS), to the State Agency, which in South Dakota is the State Department of Health, Division of Health and Medical Services, Office of Family Health, WIC Program.

Approximately 12.5 million dollars is allocated to South Dakota WIC Program for food and administration. With an additional 3.8 million dollars reimbursed by Infant Formula Companies through a cost savings measure of rebates for infant formula sold to WIC participants.

DEFINITIONS

Anthropometric Measurements - Scientific measurements of the human body, such as height, length, and weight, which are used in determining normal or abnormal patterns of growth.

Electronic Signature – An electronic sound, symbol or process, attached to or associated with an application or other record and executed and or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record. The use of electronic signature may be allowed if reliability and integrity is assured.

Encumbrance - A designated amount of money set aside for a specific purpose.

Fiscal Year - Indicates federal fiscal year which is October 1 to September 30 of any given year.

Food Instrument/Instrument/Check – Food Instrument means an instrument, check, electronic benefits transfer card (EBT), coupon or other document which is used to obtain supplemental foods.

Food Package - Supplemental foods given to participants monthly.

Food Vendor (Referred to as Retailer) – A full service grocery store, dairy or other merchant who, through a signed agreement with the State WIC Office, provides WIC foods in exchange for the WIC food instrument. Food instruments can be cashed at any SD WIC authorized store.

Hematologic Measurements - Measurements of the presence of an amount or amounts of certain substances in the blood. These tests are done to detect iron deficiency.

Local Agency/Project - Organizational body that provides WIC services within a defined project area.

Migrant - A migrant farm worker is an individual (and/or member of a family) whose principal employment is in agriculture on a seasonal basis, who has been so employed within the last 24 months, and who establishes, for the purposes of such employment, a temporary abode.

Nutritional Assessment - Appraisal of the adequacy and quality of an individual's diet. This appraisal may be made through nutrition histories, 24-hour diet recall, certain lab tests and physical examination, or a combination of these.

Nutrition Services - Provision of nutrition education/counseling; prescription of supplemental foods; assessment of nutritional status; and evaluation of change in behavior, outcome, knowledge, etc.

Potential Participants (Referred to as Potential Eligibles) - Persons not yet enrolled in WIC who are applying for WIC services or who have been determined by some statistical means to be eligible for WIC services.

Reallocation - Process by which USDA monies are moved from one state agency which is spending at a lower rate and given to another state agency that is able to spend the money more rapidly.

Sign or Signature – A handwritten signature on paper or an electronic signature.

State - Any of the fifty (50) states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.